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Border Control Department

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3 Adar [REDACTED]
March 1, 2017

Reference: [REDACTED]

To:
Adv. Michael Sfar
12 David Hachmi
Tel Aviv
Via Fax: [REDACTED]

Re: **SHAKIR OMAR SAAD, US Passport no.** [REDACTED]
Ref: Your letter dated February 26, 2017

Inquiries have revealed that an application for an employer permit and an employment and temporary residency permit for a foreign expert had been filed on behalf of the abovenamed individual. The application was reviewed by the Advisory Committee for Review of Applications for Employment of Foreign Nationals in the Expert Branch on January 17, 2017, and denied.

Mr. Omar Shakir requested an employment permit as a foreign expert – a human rights researcher – via Human Rights Watch. However, the opinion provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs noted that, for some time now, the organization’s public actions and reports have focused on politics in the service of Palestinian propaganda while falsely raising the banner of “human rights”, and therefore, the recommendation was to deny the application.

Given that his request for an employment and temporary residency permit has been denied, we have found no special circumstances that warrant approval of his entry into the country.

Respectfully,
[signed]
Michal Yosefov
Head of Border and Crossing Control